

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the election of invention requirement of June 20, 2005. A petition to extend the time for this response to within the first extended month accompanies this submission.

Priority Claim

It is noted with appreciation that the election requirement acknowledged the priority claim and the submission of certified copies in support of that claim.

Preliminary Amendment

The Action purports to be responsive to papers filed on March 19, 2004. Those papers include a preliminary amendment with minor amendments to the claims as submitted. Accordingly, the version of claims here presented is that of the preliminary amendment.

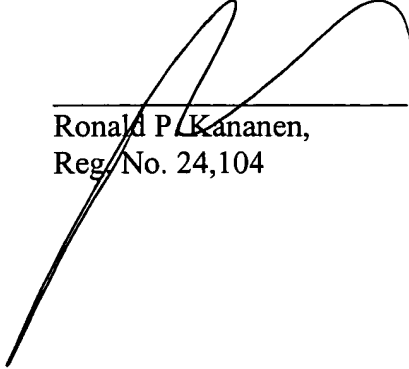
Election Response

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 7 and 15 to 20. A divisional application as of right will soon be filed for the non-elected invention of Group II, having claims 8 to 14; accordingly, the non-elected claims are here canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Early action on the merits of the claims of the elected invention is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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